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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of a Supplementary European Search Report dated February 13, 2009, in connection with a corresponding European patent application, together with copies of documents cited in this Search Report. Also enclosed is a Form PTO/SB/08A, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to a Final Office Action in the above-identified application. For satisfying requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(d), the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed, and the following Statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed Supplementary European Search Report, as well as by the enclosed U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0027354 which is a patent family member of FR 2825649.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with present submission of the enclosed documents. Consideration of the enclosed documents, upon further examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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